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TRANSMITTAL FOR PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a United States patent application entitled OPTICAL MODULE AND OPTICAL SWITCH CONSTITUTING THE SAME in the name of the following inventors: Shinji Mino, Takeshi Kitagawa, Motohaya Ishii, Takashi Yamada, Akira Himeno, Masayuki Okuno, Shunichi Souma, and Takashi Goh.

Enclosed are the following:

- A specification, claims, abstract, and cover page in total comprising seventy-three (73) pages.
- Twenty-three (23) sheets of drawings.
- A joint signature Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- An Assignment conveying the invention to Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation, including a Form PTO 1595 recordation cover sheet.
- A Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27.

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— The present application claims entitlement to Small Entity Status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27

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Priority to Japanese Application Serial Nos. 2002-323044, filed on November 6, 2002 and 2002-341334, filed on November 25, 2002 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

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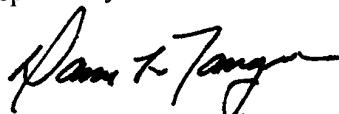
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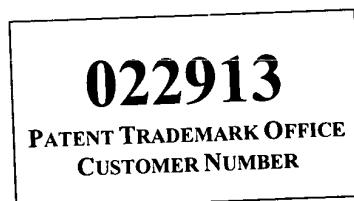
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Please address all future correspondence in connection with the above-identified patent application to the attention of the undersigned.

Dated this 30th day of September 2003.

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- Transmittal Letter (3 pages) (in duplicate)
- Patent Application in the names of Shinji Mino, Takeshi Kitagawa, Motohaya Ishii, Takashi Yamada, Akira Himeno, Masayuki Okuno, Shunichi Souma, and Takashi Goh for OPTICAL MODULE AND OPTICAL SWITCH CONSTITUTING THE SAME (73 pages)
- Drawings (23 sheets)
- Assignment with Form PTO-1595 cover sheet (5 pages)
- Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (4 pages)
- Certified copy of Japanese Application Nos. 2002-323044 and 2002-341334
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